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POINTS AND PURPOSES is the theme of the 12th Annual Administrators' Conference called by Superintendent of Public Instruction Harriet Miller for March 28-31 at Helena. Highlights . . .

a discussion of the elementary program by Dr. Dean Lobaugh, Superintendent of Schools of Davis, California . . .

a critique of secondary education by Dr. Kenneth Erickson, High School Principal of Portland, Oregon . . .

an analysis of the school administrator's function by Superintendent of Public Instruction Harriet Miller . . .

a report on the National Defense Education Act by State NDEA Coordinator William L. Erickson . . .

group discussions with state supervisors in: modern foreign languages ... mathematics and science ... music ... guidance and counseling ... elementary program ... home economics ... finance and statistics . . .

a two-day program of special interest to County Superintendents featuring sessions on language arts and financial procedures. Miss Alice Heenan, Educational Consultant for Scott, Foresman and Company, specialist in language arts, will be available for conferences.

The Montana Association of County Superintendents will hold its annual meeting following the conference on Friday, April 1, with President Laura Jane Taft of Cut Bank in charge.

A HANDBOOK OF MONTANA SCHOOL FINANCE AND STATISTICS, now being printed, will be distributed this month to District Superintendents, Principals of County High Schools, County Superintendents, Boards of Trustees, and others with responsibilities for school finance. The new book, first complete and authoritative reference of its kind, is designed as a guide to assist with budgeting, accounting and reporting.

State Supervisor of Special Education Richard C. Schofer leaves the Department of Public Instruction on March 11 to complete his doctorate at Colorado State College, Greeley.

School Boards may establish cut-off dates for admission of children to the first grade, according to the decision of the Montana Supreme Court in the case of Donald E. Ronish vs. School District No. 1 of Fergus County.

The Inland Empire Education Association meets April 6-8 in Spokane, Washington, with convention headquarters at the Davenport Hotel.

Edward T. Sommerfeld, Glendive Superintendent of Schools, is in Italy and Norway for the Second Annual Foreign Seminar under the International Educational Exchange Program. Sommerfeld was one of 40 administrators selected from 600 candidates by the Board of Foreign Scholarships to participate in a two-months' program of visiting foreign schools and conferring with administrators.

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OPINIONS RE: SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS, recently issued; Volume 28:

No. 49. Transportation Budgets. Held: The cash balance on hand at the end of a fiscal year in the elementary school transportation budget should be used to meet or reduce the total amount necessary for the transportation budget, as computed under the schedule set forth in Section 75-3407, R.C.M., 1947, as amended, for the next ensuing fiscal year and the balance, if any be needed for the budget, as computed under the schedule, should be realized in equal amounts from the public school general fund, from the county common school fund, and from a levy on the school district.

No. 50. Abandonment of Districts. Held: A school district which has furnished transportation in conformity with the requirements of Section 75-1522, R.C.M., 1947, prior to its amendment by Chapter 121, Laws of 1959, cannot be declared abandoned until after non-operation of school for three consecutive years after July 1, 1959.

Publications available from the Department of Public Instruction . . .
"The Arithmetic of Flying" -- write Mac Johnson, Aviation Education Supervisor.
"Children's Art and Music Books in Print, 1959;" also, lists of music and art scholarships available to high school and college graduates -- write Dr. Alfred W. Humphreys, Music Supervisor.

People who work professionally with teen-agers are invited to participate in a summer workshop at Eastern Montana College of Education, June 15-17, on: "A Total Approach to the Physical, Social and Emotional Needs of Teen-agers." Program participants include John Hudson, Ph.D., head of Family Life Department of Merrill-Palmer Institute in Detroit; and Eleanor Hawley, Assistant Chief of Nursing, U.S. Children's Bureau, Washington, D. C.

1960 Aviation Education Workshops are scheduled for June 13 to July 1, both at Northern Montana College and Eastern Montana College of Education. Scholarships are available. Write Mac Johnson, Department of Public Instruction.

Do you know young people eligible for War Orphans' Assistance for education costs? Help make sure they know of their privileges by advising them to write to the Department of Public Instruction.